



*National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) presents its
12th Annual National Career Academy Conference*



PASSPORT TO CAREER ACADEMIES

**At the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
225 East Coast Line Drive;
Jacksonville, Florida 32202 ♦ Phone (904) 588-1234 Fax (904) 634-4554**

**Pre-conference sessions: (Academies 101 and Scheduling) November 8th, 2008
Conference: November 8th – 10th, 2008
Optional School Visits: November 10th, 2008**

The mission of NCAC is to create and support a national network of existing and emerging career academies. This conference will provide opportunities for dialogue, exploration and networking so that all of us—educators and business/college persons—can move academies and smaller learning communities to the highest level. The conference theme, *Passport to Career Academies*, will be implemented through over 70 high quality sessions you can choose from that are organized around the ten National Standards of Practice (NSOP) for academies. Your time can also be spent learning from academy experts in a roundtable setting and dialoguing with colleagues about your academy theme. We want you to go home brimming with ideas for how to tackle a new academy or smaller learning community or how to make your current academy the highest quality.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Saturday, November 8th

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration open
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Pre-session: Academies 101
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pre-session: Scheduling
2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Roundtables with the Experts
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. NCAC members reception

Sunday, November 9th

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration open
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Conference opening session

10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshop sessions and awards luncheon
Evening on your own

Monday, November 10th

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Optional school tours
8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Workshop sessions
12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Luncheon & Featured Speaker
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Workshop session
3:00 p.m. Conference concludes

SIGN UP EARLY FOR THESE TWO OUTSTANDING PRE-SESSIONS

◆ *ACADEMIES 101 PRE-SESSION* (THIS SESSION IS NOVEMBER 8 FROM 9 AM-NOON.)

Are you just beginning to learn about academies and smaller learning communities? Do cohort scheduling, curriculum integration, teaming and business involvement make your head spin? Do you want to learn what components are critical to the definition of career academies? Do you have a new grant, are you moving your CTE programs into career academies or has your school district decided to embrace academies as a part of school reform? Whatever the reason, this session will provide you the opportunity to learn from two outstanding experts who have guided and evaluated academies in California and nationally. No previous knowledge of academies is required, and there will be no test or dumb questions. You will learn what a career academy is, how to start one and how to get it right!

Session experts are: **Charles Dayton**, Career Academy Support Network (CASN), University of CA-Berkeley. Mr. Dayton has helped to guide academies in California for over a quarter century, and for the past ten years, nationally. He has written many of CASN's exemplary free guides and handbooks. His knowledge of the issues affecting successful implementation of this model, and related research, is extensive.

Joining Mr. Dayton, is **Karen Shores**, Administrator for the California Partnership Academies in the California Department of Education. Ms. Shores led a successful, recognized Health Academy in Sacramento for many years, became a district academy coordinator, and for the past year, has led the network of 340 California state-supported academies. Her knowledge of the issues in successfully implementing and sustaining academies at all levels is extensive.

◆ SCHEDULING PRE-SESSION
(THIS SESSION IS NOVEMBER 8 FROM 9 AM-3:00 PM WITH LUNCH INCLUDED.)

The traditional high school curriculum scheduling process and teacher assignments do not lend themselves well to the innovation needed for scheduling career academies and smaller learning communities. Come learn how to tackle these challenges with strategies on: curriculum analysis, vertical interest based planning, the creation of specific course tags and codes for academies, the use of common software for cohort scheduling, building master schedule visuals by academy and maintaining student/teacher purity. Taught by a national expert on this topic, this session is useful for anyone involved in or thinking about the scheduling process.

The expert for this session is the nationally recognized **Mike Neubig**. Mr. Neubig was the High School Redesign Coordinator for Westerville City Schools in Westerville, Ohio. He oversaw two US DOE smaller learning community grantee schools and from that experience, along with his background in guidance, began extensive work in the area of scheduling structures for career academies and smaller learning communities. He believes in flexible structures that empower teachers and support the implementation and goals of personalized learning programs. Mr. Neubig travels extensively around the country patiently teaching others how to schedule and has recently published *The Practitioner's Guide to Scheduling SLCs and Career Academies*.

◆ Early Bird Conference Rates by 9-15-08

☐ \$400 Member teams of 3 or more ☐ \$450 Member rate ☐ \$560 Non-member rate ☐ \$450 St. John, Duval, Clay, Baker, Putnam, Nassau counties

◆ Conference Rates after 9-15-08

☐ \$480 Member rate ☐ \$600 Non-member rate ☐ \$480 St. John, Duval, Clay, Baker, Putnam, and Nassau county resident

Registration fee includes breakfasts, lunches, and optional school tours.

◆ Pre-conference Rates

☐ \$225 Scheduling Pre-session ☐ \$125 Academies 101 Pre-session

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel Reservations: Phone (901) 588-1234
Room Rate: \$134 per night. Make reference to NCAC please. Cut off date is October 17.

Please go to www.ncacinc.org to register and get additional information.

◆ Cancellation of Registration

Conference registration cancellations must be in writing and they must be received by Friday, October 3rd, 2008 as no refunds can be provided after that date. A \$75 administrative fee applies to all cancellations. You may email aheyer@phmc.org.